- Integration of the leprosy controlled activities with the general health services to augment the norms.
- Supply of drugs in blister packs.
- Intensification of efforts at creating community awareness of the disease and its curability.
- Strategies to bring persons disable due to leprosy and their rehabilitation within the general ambit of all disabled in the community.
- Research activities in leprosy especially with reference to the operational aspects.

The countries which participated were India, Brazil, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Zaire, Sudan, Nepal, Philipines, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Vietnam, Mali, Madagaskar, Chad, Cambodia, Neger, Guinea, Egypt, Thailand, Mexico, Pakistan and China.

Mehrotra Committee Report

2373 SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of the Mehrotra Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto with special reference to the issues of accountability, career/professional development, evaluation of teachers, conditions of service and the rationale of the proposed revision of pay scales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Based on the recommendations made by Mehrotra Committee, Central Government issued, in June, 1987, a scheme of revision of pay scales of university and college teachers under which financial assistance, to the extent of 80% of the additional expenditure, was provided to the State Governments, subject to certain conditions, for implementation of the scheme. Following the appointment of the Central Pay Commission, UGC constituted a Pay Review Committee in August, 1994 under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.P. Rastogi to examine the present structure of emoluments and conditions of service of university and college teachers, Librarians, Directors of Physical Education etc. This Committee would, inter-alia, review the implementation of the previous decisions of the Government/UGC under the Scheme of revision of pay scales approved for university and college teachers, Librarians, Directors of Physical Education and Registrars of Universities and, in the process, evaluate the extent to which the earlier recommendations in relation to qualifications, service conditions, pay scales etc. have been implemented.

NHs in Punjab

2374. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the length of National Highways in Punjab damaged by floods, rains and other calamities during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). On account of floods and rains, wherever the National Highways are damaged, the same are repaired and kept in traffic worthy cordition within the available resources.

For maintenance and repairs of National Highways in Punjab, the following allocations have been made :

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	661.30
1994-95	736.97
1995-96	770.72

Central Institute of Buddhist Studies

2375. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS) Choglamsar in Leh was established and the present status of the same;

(b) whether the Central Institute of Tibetan Studies was established much later than C.I.B.S. but attained the status of Deemed University; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the present dismal condition of the C.I.B.S. and the steps taken by the Government to put the Institute in order?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh was established in the year 1959. The Government of India (Department of Culture) took over the Institute in 1962. The Institute is a Registered Society under the J & K Registration Act.

(b) The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath (CIHTS) was established in the year 1967, registered as a Society under the administrative control of Government of India (Department or Culture) in 1977 and was accorded the status of a Deemed University in 1988.